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## **Border Patrol Explorers Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Nationally** *Youths competed with over 100 teams in five day event*

**Needles, Calif.** — A local group of teenagers placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at the largest law enforcement Explorer competition in the nation.

U.S. Border Patrol Explorer Post #1924 of the Imperial Beach Station competed with over 100 Explorer posts from various law enforcement agencies at the 2001 Colorado River Explorer Competition. Teenage boys and girls competed in a variety of scenarios designed to test the law enforcement skills they have learned while in the Explorer program. Additional events emphasized teamwork and physical fitness. The event, held April 18-22, was sponsored by the California Highway Patrol.

Many law enforcement departments sponsor Explorer posts, which are chartered through the Learning for Life Division of the Boy Scouts of America. Volunteer leaders teach youths age 14 to 21 career skills in specialized fields. Law enforcement posts typically emphasize integrity, dedication, responsibility, and community service along with traditional law enforcement training. Border Patrol Explorers must pass a basic training course and a probationary period before receiving their badges. The U.S. Border Patrol sponsors six Explorer posts in San Diego and holds an annual Explorer Basic Training Academy.

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